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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takayuki HASEBE et al. /

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Examiner: Nguyen, C.

For: DATA PROTECTION SYSTEM, DATA PREPARATION DEVICE, AND DATA WORKING DEVICE

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Further to a telephone conference with the Examiner today March 10, 2003, this Second Supplemental Amendment further supplements the first Supplemental Amendment filed August 14, 2002 and supplementing the Amendment filed November 19, 2001, which was responsive to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2001. This Second Supplemental Amendment is filed via certificate of facsimile on March 10, 2003.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

IN THE CLAIMSPlease **REPLACE** claim 23 as follows.

23. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A computer system protecting input data of a compound document against unauthorized use during utilization of the input data, comprising:

a display unit;

a processing unit; and

a computer readable storage controlling the processing unit according to a process of:

determining based upon information of input data embedded and/or linked in a compound document created according to a compound document standard if the input data requires authorization for use in response to a request to display the compound data on the display unit;